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Pictures of other members of the Board of Directors on page 2 of this issue.

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Forward Look Of The NRA

Rev. Wm. F. Harkey, D.D.

Like the Apostle Paul, The National Reform Association, not satisfied with past attainments, looks forward to greater attainments in the days to come. It plans for an enlarged program for this coming year.

This is made possible by the coming into its service of new workers—Rev. J. Renwick Patterson, as Executive Secretary of the Association who began full-time service September 1st, and Rev. E. M. Hertzler who will take up work again with the Association as Ohio Field Secretary the first of the new year. Also with Field Secretaries giving part-time service in the Southern California and Beaver County, Pa., Branches. The enlargement of the program will be along these lines:

I. At least doubling this coming year the number of messages given by representatives of the Association by its President, Executive Secretary, field workers and members of its Board of Directors, a large number of whom have volunteered to speak for the Association.

II. In the publication of new literature. We have on hand a very considerable body of literature on the principles and various lines of the Association's work. We need to supplement this by the publication of new literature to cover adequately every phase of our Association's work. This will require the publication of a large number of leaflets and tracts.

III. By the increased publicizing of our Association, particularly of its literature. We have been remiss at this point. Recently following an address on our Bible in the schools work a schoolman said, "Why haven't we heard of this Association before?" We'll especially give attention to the publicizing of our recently published literature, and literature about to be published, on the Bible and religion in our public schools.

Rev. Ross M. Haverfield

IV. Enlarge our constituency. We are greatly in need of adding to the number of those who receive our literature and contribute to the support of our work. In response to our appeal, our friends have sent us the names and addresses of a good number of persons whom they believe will be interested in our Association and its work. A series of communications with enclosed literature will be sent to them.

V. Our Sabbath Program. We will continue and enlarge our program on behalf of the Sabbath as recently outlined in The Christian Statesman.

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OUR CALIFORNIA BRANCH

By Walter McCarroll, President

Officers: Rev. Walter McCarroll, D.D., President; Rev. Robert McConachie, Vice President; R. E. Smith, M.D., Treasurer; Rev. David Calderwood, Th.D., Field Representative; Miss Kathryn Marshall, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Jean S. Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. Frank Dyer, D.D., Radio and Meetings Speaker.

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Standing, left to right: R. E. Smith, M.D., Mrs. R. E. Smith, Rev. Sam Edgar, D.D., Rev. Robert McConachie, Rev. Robert J. Crawford, Jr., Rev. David Calderwood, Th.D., Rev. Frank Dyer, D.D., and Mr. Howard H. Boyd.

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The Bible Reading Bill

The bill to require the reading of the Bible daily without comment, in the public schools of our State, introduced last January into the Legislature by Assemblymen Morris, Hahn, and Levering, and referred to the Education Committee of the Assembly, was, after a public hearing, by unanimous consent referred to the State Board of Education for study and recommendations to the next regular session of the Legislature. The State Board consists of twelve members from different parts of the State who serve without pay. A meeting is held quarterly. At the meeting in San Francisco, held July 20th, the bill was referred to the Curriculum Commission to bring in a report to the October meeting to be held in Los Angeles October 25, 26 and 27. Previous to the July meeting we had written each member of the Board and enclosed a copy of the brochure by George A. Ragan on the Bible in the Public Schools. A committee of our Association will now seek personal interviews with the members of the Curriculum Commission.

The National Voice

In an interview with Miss Hubler, owner and editor of the National Voice, we arranged for a column, from time to time, written by us on the Christian principles of civil government and the Bible in the public schools. This we hope will enlist new helpers in our campaign to rediscover the moral and spiritual foundations of community and national life.

League of Christian Parents

Mrs. de Shishmareff of La Jolla, California, learned of our association and its work, and is so deeply interested that she conceived of the idea of a League of Christian parents that would work with us in creating public sentiment in behalf of the Bible in our public schools. Our Board decided to endorse and sponsor such a movement along the lines indicated in the Proposed Constitution submitted herewith. We are hopeful that this movement will spread and grow and become influential in our State.

Proposed Constitution for a California League of Christian Parents
Endorsed and Sponsored by the California Branch of The National Reform Association

Preamble

Conscious that as parents we have the first responsibility for the welfare of our children, concerned about the increasing prevalence of crime among our youth, the growing divorce rate with its entail of broken homes, the menace of juvenile delinquency, the corruption in politics, the low moral

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A Commendable WCTU Project

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania is carrying forward a highly commendable project in sending fruit juices—orange, prune, grapefruit, pineapple—to our armed forces in Korea. To date a half million cans have been sent with more to go. They go as gifts from the Pennsylvania WCTU, each package or carton containing a statement to this effect, and are sent through army channels and with the approval of the secretary of the army. To cover the cost the Pennsylvania Union has raised to date $29,000.

This project, we understand, originated with the Ohio WCTU following the announcement that two brewery companies had sent 200,000 cans of beer free of charge to the Korean soldiers. In addition to Ohio and Pennsylvania, other state organizations have taken up the project.

We congratulate the WCTU on this noteworthy and highly commendable undertaking and call upon all friends of the temperance cause to assist them in providing the funds to enable them to keep up the good work.

Death of an Outstanding Reformer

Rev. R. M. Blackwood, D.D., Minister of the Gospel, Reformer and stalwart Christian Soldier, finished his life of service for the Master and entered upon the better life beyond on July 2, 1951 in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

Dr. Blackwood had a Covenanter background and training. He was one of the older members of a family of sixteen children. He was a graduate of Geneva College and secured his theological training in the Seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. His first pastorate was in the Bloomington, Indiana, Reformed Presbyterian Church. Following this he was pastor of four congregations in the United Presbyterian Church—Coraopolis and Farrell in Pennsylvania, Dayton, Ohio and Patterson, New Jersey. He relinquished the pastorate to become Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Sabbath Association in which position he continued to serve with ability and faithfulness for a period of a quarter of a century until within a year before his death when age and failing health necessitated his retiring from the work.

Dr. Blackwood was well grounded in the Christian faith, a man of strong convictions, always and everywhere ready to maintain them. His great service was in the field of Sabbath Observance. He had a high appreciation of the importance and value of this Christian and patriotic institution. This led him to give the best energies of his life over the long period of a quarter of a century to the defense and promotion of the Sabbath cause. Now, he rests from his labors and has entered into his Sabbath rest.

Our Liquor Graphs

The National Reform Association has published, in colors, 100,000 copies of a two page liquor graph (8 x 12) with artist's drawings and cuts which contain up-to-date figures, facts and appeals on some ten different phases of the liquor problem. The Association's program calls for the printing of other hundreds of thousands of copies within the next few months.

For a number of years the Association has specialized in the publication of these graphs. More than one million have been published and distributed heretofore. Those just published, both in content and attractiveness, are superior to any formerly published.

These graphs are used in various ways—distributed in churches, Bible schools and other meetings, from house to house in communities and even in counties, mailed to public school teachers, to public officials, and used in educational campaigns preparatory to local option elections on liquor and beer.

By having them published in large quantities the Association is able to furnish them at the low rate of two cents per copy in quantities.

The liquor industry is now spending 200 million dollars annually in a great advertising campaign to glamorize and popularize the use of alcoholic beverages and thus increase their sale and consumption. This is equivalent to $1.33 for each of the 150 million inhabitants of the U. S. How much would this be for your city, county, or state? For Pennsylvania, 14 million dollars; Allegheny County, 2 million dollars! In comparison how little are we temperance people spending to counteract this flood of liquor propaganda? Isn't it time for us to wake up and launch a program worthy of this cause? How many dollars will you put into the circulation of these liquor graphs?

Eighty percent of their contents is national in character, suitable for use anywhere in the U. S. The remaining 20 percent gives facts and figures with reference to Pennsylvania and Ohio. We plan to publish other liquor graphs all of which will be national in character.

OUR NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Rev. J. Renwick Patterson was elected Executive Secretary of The National Reform Association by a unanimous vote of its Board of Directors on May 8th, 1951. He accepted the appointment and began work with the Association, September 1st.

We rejoice that he has felt "impelled," as he has said, to accept this responsible position because of his convictions concerning the purpose, principles and program of the Association. With his coming we look forward with confidence to an enlargement of the Association's program and trust that from this time forth it will be his life's work.

Mr. Patterson was born in New Alexandria, Pennsylvania in 1906 and grew up on a farm in Butler County, Penna. He attended the public schools, Slippery Rock State Normal, and taught one year in the public schools. He received his college education in Geneva College from which he was graduated with the Degree of Batchelor of Science in 1931. He entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh in the same year and was graduated in 1934. He has taken graduate work in the Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary in 1934-35, 1948-49, and 1950.

During the Second World War in addition to his labors as a pastor, he worked for two years in the Engineering Department of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation at Burbank, Calif.

From 1935 to 1951 he was pastor of three congregations of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; Eskridge, Kansas, two years; First Los Angeles, California, eleven years and the Central-Pittsburgh, Pa. congregation from 1948 until he resigned to take up work with The National Reform Association.

National Reform is not something new to Mr. Patterson, nor the work he is taking up something

Rev. James Renwick Patterson

of which he has little knowledge and for which he has little training. He has been schooled in National Reform all his life and has had experience in National Reform work. During his pastorate in Los Angeles he helped to organize the Southern California Branch of the Association, served as its Vice President and also conducted a weekly radio program over Station KWKW in Pasadena, Calif. Upon his coming to Pittsburgh in 1948 he was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Association and thus for three years has been in close contact with the Association's program and methods of work.

In 1936 Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Corinne E. Kerr of Olathe, Kansas. They have a family of two sons and one daughter. Their home is in Pittsburgh.

In sending in orders and for further information address, The National Reform Association, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

On account of devoting this issue of The Christian Statesman to personnel of The National Reform Association and the promotion of its various lines of work, a number of articles on current issues, and the conclusion of the article on "This Nation Under God" appearing in the last issue, have been crowded out. Look for them in the next issue.

"We can lick . . . organized crimes . . . if we recognize the alliance of criminals and their 'respectable' front men for what they are—hoodlums and despoilers rather than glamorous figures or heroes—and go after them with the same determination and ruthlessness that they employ in milking and perverting our society for their own gains."—Senator Kefauver.

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VI. Temperance. Elsewhere in this issue reference is made to our new liquor graphs, 100,000 copies of which have just been published. We plan to follow this with the publication of other hundreds of thousands. Also to continue and enlarge our Protest Program against liquor advertising.

VII. The Bible and Religion in the Schools Program. We will give much time and energy and the expenditure of a large sum of money to the carrying forward of this program, especially in publicizing the literature we now have on hand and in the publication and wide publicizing of the new book, "Our PUBLIC SCHOOLS—CHRISTIAN OR SECULAR," which is now on the press.

Manifestly this enlarged program will require a large increase in the support of the Association. Plans are underway for securing the funds for it.

Beaver County Branch of The National Reform Association

Officers: Standing, E. D. Davidson, President. Seated, right to left, W. A. Bliss, Vice President, Rev. H. B. Mansell, Executive Secretary.

Executive Committee: Rev. W. W. McKinney, Ph.D., A. D .Dungan, J. Russell Lathom, Harold C. Clark, W. F. Waxenfelter, George B. Swick, Rev. E. Marcellus Nesbitt, D.D., Rev.. D. Howard Elliott, Rev. John C. Lorimer, D.D. and Rev. Milford W. Castrodale.

For a period of 15 years or more the Beaver County Branch of The National Reform Association has been carrying forward a program on behalf of moral reforms in the county, chiefly along the lines of Temperance, the Christian Sabbath and for the Bible and moral and fundamentally religious training in the public schools.

It has distributed a large amount of literature on these issues. It has participated, in many instances taken the lead, in local option elections on the liquor issue which have resulted in putting the sale of intoxicating liquors under the ban in Beaver, the county seat, and in 6 boroughs and 10 townships in the county. Also in local option elections on Sunday movies.

On different occasions it has sponsored an endeavor to have the pastors of the county preach on Sabbath observance on the same day—on one occasion 107 sermons on this subject were delivered from as many pulpits in the county on the same day. It has also placed with the pastors of the county a large amount of literature on the Sabbath including copy of two books—"The Day" and "Six Studies on the Day"—and very recently copies of two outstanding sermons on the Sabbath by Dr. Joseph Sizoo and Dr. Clarence E. Macartney.

With reference to the school issue, a large number of copies of Dr. Fleming's book, "God in Our Public Schools", were placed in the hands of superintendents and teachers in the county schools.

Three years ago 25,000 copies of a two-page liquor graph were distributed throughout the county. 20,000 copies of a similar graph printed in colors, just off the press, will be distributed throughout the county this fall.

When the Pennsylvania Legislature is in session the leaders of this Branch keep the citizens of the county informed with reference to bills on liquor, the Sabbath, gambling and other issues before the Legislature, and what they can do to defeat bad bills and secure the passage of good ones. They have also had a part in having Representatives sent to Harrisburg who are right on these issues.

The Christian Statesman, the organ of The National Reform Association which is sent complimentary to those who contribute to its work, goes into as many as 457 homes in the county.

To enable the Branch to carry forward an enlarged program more effectively, an executive secretary was chosen a year ago, Rev. H. B. Mansell, Pastor of the Methodist Church, West Bridgewater.

While much has been accomplished there is need of still greater efforts on the part of this Branch and we expect confidently to continue and enlarge our efforts in the county in the days to come.

New Field Secretary for Ohio

Rev. E. M. Hertzler who was formerly with The National Reform Association for some three years, will be back with the Association as one of its full-time staff of workers in January, 1951. He will serve as a Field Secretary of the Association in the State of Ohio. His work will consist largely in forming Christian Citizenship units on a county basis, to be affiliated with The National Reform Association. These units will function chiefly in the field of Temperance, the Sabbath, the Bible and Non-sectarian Religion in the Public Schools, in combatting crime, juvenile delinquency, gambling, political corruption, and in promoting a high standard of morality in political life on a county, state and nation-wide basis.

Rev. E. M. Hertzler

WHY NATIONAL REFORM?

Rev. J. Renwick Patterson

The National Reform Association is founded upon the fundamental Biblical concept that God, the Creator of heaven and earth, is the Source of all power and authority in the affairs of men and of nations, that He has appointed His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be the Supreme Ruler of nations, and that His will, as revealed in the Bible, is basic to all law and of supreme authority in all civil, national and international affairs. In other words, it is founded upon a Christian philosophy of government.

There is a Christian and there is a secular theory of civil government. The Christian philosophy is that the state, as certainly as the church and the family, is a Divine institution, deriving its being from God, responsible unto Him as such and subject to His law.

The secular philosophy of government is that the state is a mere human institution and that it is non-moral, and that it should be governed solely by the will of the people who constitute it, regardless of the will of God. Religion, if it is valid at all, has to do only with the individual, the family and the church, but it has nothing to do with the state. The only thing the state has to do with religion is to let it alone. This concept, drawn to its ultimate conclusion, would mean that anywhere along the line where religion touches the affairs of state that affinity must be broken.

Our Early History

Such a theory of government is directly opposed to the view held by the founding fathers of this nation who believed with all their heart, mind and soul that governments derive their power from God, who is the Founder of nations and the Moral Governor of the universe, and that nations and their rulers are subject to Him and to His moral law.

This concept is inherent in our early national history and is accountable for those Christian elements which are yet found in our nation's life and which we seek to maintain and strengthen. Those who founded America were Christian people. Their purpose in coming here was to obtain Christian rights that were being denied them in the lands from which they came. As they set up their institutions here they gave them a distinctly Christian character and sought to operate them according to Biblical standards and ideals.

In its beginning and for many years thereafter our country linked its government with the church. The Anglican Church or the Congregational Church held the position of full or partial establishment in all but four of the thirteen colonies at the beginning of the Revolution. If there was to be equality of all religious sects before the law this establishment had to go. The problem was solved by the gradual severance in America of this union of church and state. But the breaking up of that union was not intended to be, nor was it in fact, a discarding of all connection between our government and religion.

The intention was to keep the church and the state separate—each autonomous in its own sphere—and each, under God, fitting into His scheme for promoting the happiness of the race and for the advancement of His kingdom.

The Secular Drift

Through the subsequent years of our history there flowed into this country a flood of immigrants who had no such ideals or objectives before them as had the original founders. Many of them came from non-Christian or anti-Christian backgrounds. Into the "melting pot" they came—most of them intent upon one thing— the hope of making a better living, the search for the success and security America offered. Along with this influx from abroad, the descendents of the noble founders of the nation drifted, many of them, from the mooring masts of the faith of their fathers into secular, or at least semisecular, concepts of government and toward materialistic philosophies of life. Such influences have served to lead America away from those great Christian principles of government so essential to the security of a nation.

We are living in a confused world today, one that seems intent upon adding confusion to confusion. Among the communistic element of the world there is the delusion that religion acts as an opiate upon the people and must be abolished in order to avoid the danger of their using it to hide deficiencies in

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Mr. Hertzler is well qualified for the work which he is taking up with the Association. He thoroughly believes in The National Reform Association, its principles and program. His former work with the Association was in the field of weekday religious education. He is responsible for at least 40,000 boys and girls in the public schools of Ohio receiving instruction in the Bible one period each week in the public schools, under teachers devoting their whole time to this work. This gave him a wide acquaintance throughout the state with educators and pastors. This acquaintance has been added to by his work for the past three years as a missionary or district superintendent of his own church—the Church of the Brethren—in the state. This wide acquaintanceship will greatly aid Mr. Hertzler as he takes up this work.

We look forward to his coming with confidence that it will greatly increase the scope and effectiveness of the Association's work in this state.

justice and freedom and to beguile citizens from insisting upon their rights. This delusion is responsible for much of the international bitterness and trouble present in the world today.

There is a delusion among many Americans that any religious element in the national life must be avoided in order to safeguard the American principle of the separation of church and state. There are those who assume that credit for much of our country's success is attributable to the fact that all statements concerning deity or divine acknowledgements have been omitted from our fundamental law. By the same token they regard that it is best to eliminate the name of God from our coins, prayers from Congress, chaplains from the armed forces, the Bible from our schools, and all other practices that bring religion into direct contact with the life of the nation.

Arresting the Tide

This is secularism pure and simple. No properly informed Christian can hold such views. When we turn from God there is nothing constructive left. The nation that turns from God has no constructive program. It is following the course that leads ultimately to confusion and chaos.

It is to help combat the inroads of secularism in our nation's life that we feel compelled to come into the work of The National Reform Association which has as its object the "teaching, maintenance, development and perfecting of national Christianity," which, when stated in specific terms means working toward the overthrow of the liquor traffic, the teaching of the Bible and non-sectarian religion in our public schools, the preservation of the Christian Sabbath and the civil laws that protect it, the maintenance of Christian standards in family life and the divorce problem, the suppression throughout the nation of all gambling, both legal and illegal, international peace on the basis of the principles of the Prince of Peace, and for the adoption of a Christian Amendment to the U. S. Constitution to give our Christian laws and customs a secure legal basis in the fundamental law of our land.

In the belief that what is being done in the world, if it is to last, must be in harmony with God's purposes and confronted as we are today with the mounting volume of crime and the general lowering of moral standards all along the line of American life, it is our conviction that the objectives of The National Reform Association are needed more today than at any other time in the history of this nation. God has a voice and that voice must be heard.

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tone of society, and the gross ignorance of the Bible among school pupils, we Christian parents unite in this association and accept for our guidance the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the California League of Christian Parents.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

1. To bring back the Family Altar into our homes; and, combat conditions that produce broken homes.
2. To revive the observance of the Lord's Day in commemoration of the resurrection of our Lord as one of the great safeguards of the home.
3. To restore the Bible to its rightful place in our schools in order to impart to our boys and girls a knowledge of the true meaning and purpose of life.
4. To renew the moral and spiritual foundations in civil affairs that we may have honesty in government.

ARTICLE III

Principles

1. We believe the Family is a divine institution and must be guided by the revealed will of God.
2. We believe that the Church is a divine institution that is necessary to the well-being of the home and to the training of children in the fear and love of the Lord.
3. We believe that the School must have an underlying Christian philosophy based on Revelation if our children are to be entrusted to it; and, that parents have a responsibility for what is taught in the school.
4. We believe that Civil Government is an ordinance of God, and civil rulers are meant to be ministers of God as revealed in Christ; and, that parents have a responsibility for making known the Christian principles that should guide officials.
5. We believe that the Bible is the indispensable Source Book for the Family, the Church, the School, and the State.

ARTICLE IV

Plan of Organization

1. The officers of this organization for the first year to be appointed by the sponsoring body, The National Reform Association.
2. Units of ten will be formed in local communities with a Leader and an assistant leader.
3. Membership. One becomes a member by signing and returning a membership card.
4. Obligations of: To pray for the Lord's blessing on this cause; to join hands with the local group in working for the objectives of the League; and, specifically to cooperate with the program to get the Bible read in our public schools, and to encourage Christian teachers to be unafraid and unashamed to let their Christian unsectarian convictions be known as opportunity affords.

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